



AROUND SJB



SJB says, "Farewell," to 4 of its Finest



Leone Mathon
Computer Science Department

Leone has been teaching at St. John the Baptist for twenty years, but has been teaching within the Diocese of Rockville Center for a total of thirty five. The fondest memory

that she will take with her will be the feeling of community and family that existed here; this is also what she will miss the most. What she will miss the least are PA announcements, meetings, and fire drills. She leaves us with these final words: Walter Lacey always said, "you only have one chance to make a good first impression," which is so true of her first experience with the SJB community; it would be great school to be at. She was never disappointed.

Pamela Balling
English Department

Pamela has been teaching at St. John the Baptist for eighteen years. The fondest memory that she will take with her will be the sense of community and caring and being a family. She will miss



the daily interactions with the friends she has made at SJB and how a smile from a colleague could brighten her day. She will not miss being on a schedule and worrying about school when it snows. She leave us with these final words, "thank you for making my time at SJB enjoyable and satisfying."



Tricia Callahan
Religious Studies Department

Tricia has been with St. John the Baptist for fifteen years. Her fondest memory of her time at SJB is seeing the shows the stu-

dents did in collaboration with the Catholic Charities Group Homes. She will miss the community, including parents and families, she has come to know and love here at SJB. She will not miss conducting a day in 40 minute intervals commanded by bells. Teaching high school is a gift. It has kept her young, informed and on her toes. She has really loved teaching and has learned much and grown because of the beautiful students who have touched her heart, and reaffirmed her belief that all things are possible through the grace and mercy of God.

Rosanne Sciarretta
School Counseling Department

Rosanne has been a School Counselor at St. John the Baptist for nineteen amazing years. Her fondest memories of SJB are watching Barbara Walsh as she rode her bicycle around the halls of SJB, her daily announcements, and accrue-ment related statements. It always brought a smile to her face and joy to her heart. Of course, she can't forget Nan's delicious cookies, and there was always FOOD! What she will miss most, without a doubt, are the friends she made on this journey and of course the students placed in her care over the years. She will sincerely miss the School Counseling Department. Don, Karin, Mary, Bridget and Matt, Celia and Alice. Not forgetting those who came and left for greener pastures. By nature of what they do and who they are, there is a bonding that is like no other. She loves them all!



NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Erik D. Williams, Valedictorian for St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School's Class of 2019, has been selected as a winner of the National Merit Scholarship. According to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, there are approximately 1.6 million students who enter the competition by taking the PSAT/NMSQT® every year. Of that number, only roughly 50,000 students with the highest scores qualify to be recognized in the Scholarship Program. Finalists then compete for the scholarships and approximately 7,500 end up selected as winners.



In addition to being chosen as his Class' Valedictorian, Erik's selection as a National Merit Scholarship winner is another worthy achievement to add to his list of accomplishments, thus far. Throughout his time at SJB, Erik has been a part of Varsity Lacrosse, Varsity Track, Student Council, National Honor Society, Volunteer YMCA, and completed research at Mather & Lenox Hill Hospitals. In the Fall, he will be attending Cornell, majoring in Neuroscience, with a minor in Computer Science.

A SENIOR PROM FOR THE TROOPS

A member of Troop 1968, Rebecca Clock planned and hosted a prom for Veterans at the Rusy Bohm, American Legion Post 411, in Islip. The initiative was a project for her Girl Scout Gold Award. The article published in *The West Islip Patch* stated, "the prom, held on Saturday, drew over 50 guests including several World War II veterans. The oldest veteran in attendance was 98-years-old. The community came together to help Clock execute this special event. Local volunteers helped Clock decorate the space and community members also donated items for raffle baskets. All proceeds from the event went to support programs at the American Legion Post. In addition, music was provided free of charge by *Partners In Sound* DJ, Mike Pitera, who was also able to provide a doo-wop group, "All Good Friends."



ESSAY CONTEST WINNER



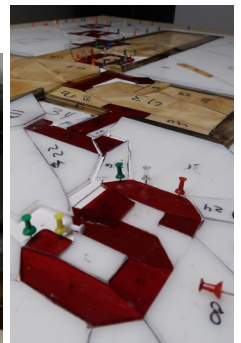
Junior, Elizabeth Raczkowski, entered the Sheriff's Essay Contest in honor of the Sandy Hook Promise Say Something Call to Action Week. Over 170 essays were received and five students were chosen and invited to be a *Student Ambassador for a Day*. Elizabeth was honored by the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office on April 15th, 2019. She attended a private meeting with Sheriff Toulon, and along with her parents, her English teacher, Regina Hall, and SJB's Dean of Students, Patrick McKevitt, they stayed for a luncheon and a private tour of the Yaphank facilities.

NEW STAINED GLASS IN FRONT LOBBY

If you have been in our lobby after Memorial Day, you probably noticed our new stained glass! Thank you to Mr. Garvey and the *Stained Glass Club* for their hours of dedication designing and creating this wonderful centerpiece. It is breathtaking!



The process of making the stained glass.



GENESIS SYMPOSIUM

The St. John the Baptist DHS GENESIS Research Symposium took place on Wednesday, May 1st, 2019. The GENESIS program allows high achieving students an opportunity to pursue individual scientific research in areas of their own choosing. The following **Junior Researchers** participated in a poster session where they had an opportunity to discuss their research projects with parents, teachers, administrators, and invited guests.

Christopher Kubelka

The Finches of the Galapagos Islands: Natural Selection in Action

Sarah Pfisterer

Behavioral Features of Genetically Modified Zebra Fish

Jennifer Martinez

The Effect of Ethnicity on Measures of Generalized Anxiety in Students at St. John the Baptist DHS

The following **Senior Researchers** participated in the Poster Session and conducted multimedia presentations describing their research findings.

Pooja Dasgupta

Autism Spectrum Disorder and Size of the Corpus Callosum revealed by Magnetic Resonance Images

Zhanna Green

Hexavalent Chromium levels in Drinking Water and Cancer Rates in Long Island Communities

Kailee Han

The Effect of Age, Gender, and Ethnicity on Measures of Social Anxiety in St. John the Baptist Students

Gabriela Martin

Engineering Design: A Novel Type of Electronic Diaphragmatic Pacemaker. (Mentor: Dr. Wei Lin of the SUNY Stony Brook Biomedical Engineering Department)

Kylie McCabe

A Correlation of Radon Gas Concentrations and Melanoma Rates in New York State Households

Angelina Schott

An Analysis of Wind Power Potential in Southwestern Mexico

Mikaela Walsh

A Statistical Analysis of Plastic Debris on Long Island Beaches

Erik Williams

The Success Rates of Various Types of Bariatric Surgery in Patients aged 60 years and Older. (Mentor: Dr. Arif Ahmad of John T. Mather Memorial Hospital in Port Jefferson, NY)

Crystal Yoon

The Effect of Sleep Quality on Stress Levels in St. John the Baptist Students

Faculty advisors, Ken Bohman and Nora Besendorfer, were very pleased with the quality, maturity, and professionalism exhibited by the young researchers.

GRADUATION TEA

Asa Thompson, along with SJB Italian teacher, Angela Tamberino, was invited, to the 2019 Graduation Tea at the *Mother's Club of Wheatley Heights!*



MATH LEAGUE AWARDS

On May 20th, three SJB students, Xiaoxiao Shi, Alex Zhang, and Haoyang Zou, accompanied by their coach, Jacqueline Muoio, were awarded at the Suffolk County Senior High School Interscholastic Math League Awards Dinner. Xiaoxiao, Alex, and Haoyang were all Top Individual Scorers and SJB "A" and "B" were named two of the top three teams in Division III!

Xiaoxiao scored a 15

Alex scored an 11

Haoyang scored a 10

SJB "A" scored a 38

SJB "B" scored a 36

Congratulations to everyone who participated!



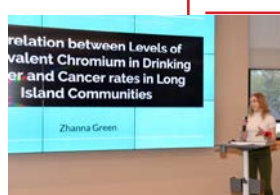
STARLIGHT CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

The Junior Student Council organized a school-wide entry into the Starlight Children's Foundation's Design-A-Gown contest! Over 40 designs from our St. John's student body were sent to Starlight! Junior Student Council hopes their entries will give children in the hospital something to smile about.



POETRY DAY AT ADELPHI UNIVERSITY

On May 1, twenty Juniors and Seniors from SJB DHS attended Adelphi Poetry Day. This event took place on the Garden City Campus. The students embarked on a journey of metaphors and similes, creation and exploration and infinite fun. Students attended 2 workshops taught by Adelphi's acclaimed faculty, participated in an open-mic poetry slam and enjoyed keynote speaker Ellen Hagan's powerful and inspirational speech. Senior, Liv McGuinness, received the prestigious Citation in Poetry Senior Award. Breakfast and lunch were served. An amazing creative and intellectual experience was had by all.



2019 FILM FESTIVAL



Thank you to everyone who donated a canned or non-perishable food item as admission to the Festival. Your donations are going to be of great help at the Gerald Ryan Outreach Center, in Wyandanch.



Please see the article in "The Prophet" for a list of Film Festival winners!



FAREWELL TO OUR MEDIA NEWS NETWORK SENIORS!



JOURNALISM AWARDS



Writers of SJB's *The Prophet* were invited to St. John's University for the *Achievements in Catholic Journalism Awards*.

Congratulations to all the nominees and winners!

SJB'S OWN GOOD SAMARITAN



Congratulations to David Amelemah for being recognized for the volunteer work he did this year at *Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center*!

GIVING BACK TO OUR VETERANS



Gianna Manzo and Julianna Rezza were recognized by Our Lady Consolation Veterans Group for their dedication with working with our Veterans throughout the school year. Congratulations!



2019 FASHION SHOW



EVENING WEAR

This year's fashion show was a show-stopper, for sure! Our Seniors showed off a variety of outfits for day and night, sponsored by local vendors: *OMNIBUS*, *Sami Hito*, *RSVP Tuxedo*, and *PANDEMONIUM*. Makeup by: *Makeup Studio New York*



CASUAL WEAR

"PRONTO" AWARD WINNER

Sari Avila-Franklin received the "Volunteer of the Year" award from Pronto of Long Island at their annual gala this month.



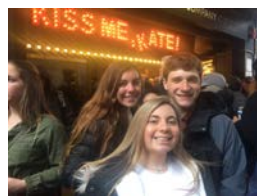
SENIOR YEAR TUITION WINNERS

SJB Juniors, Michael Pena and Catherine Carleo, seen here with Sr. Beth, both received a \$1,000.00 towards their senior year tuition, from the Sisters of St Dominic of Amityville!



KISS ME, KATE!

Ms. Hall took her AP students to New York City for a delicious lunch at *Vergil's*. After lunch they then went to see *Kiss Me Kate* as they were reading *The Taming of the Shrew*.



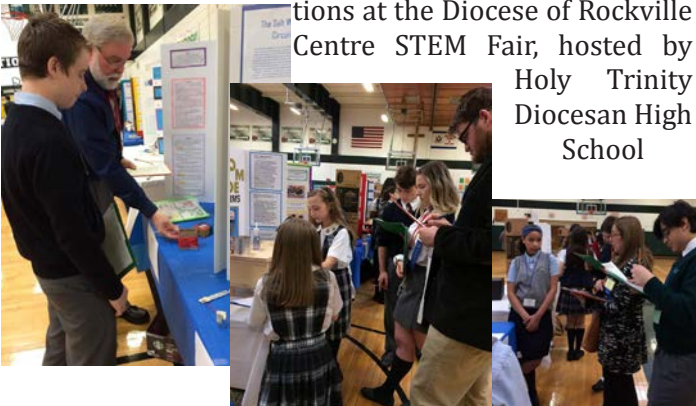
A TRIP TO ITALY!

Ms. Tamberino's Italian classes took a class trip to "The Queens Theatre in the Park" to see an edu-musical in Italian! The trip was followed by a nice Italian meal at *La Famiglia*.



STEM FAIR JUDGES

SJB students and faculty helped judge STEM presentations at the Diocese of Rockville Centre STEM Fair, hosted by Holy Trinity Diocesan High School



2019 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



*Congratulations to everyone who was
inducted into the
National Honor Society this Spring!*



ST. VINCENT DEPAUL COLLABORATION

SJB students collaborated once again with St. Vincent DePaul to film a video that will be shown at their annual golf outing this Spring. The outing will help raise money for the organization.



JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

Students in SJB's "High School Heroes Junior Achievement Program" worked together with students at Ss Cyril's and Methodius School!



THE AMERICAN LEGION ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to the following SJB Juniors and Seniors on winning the 2019 Suffolk County American Legion Essay Contest



First Place:

Juniors Andre Smith & Julia Dulik

Second Place:

Seniors Emma Worthington & Sophia Pavlatos

FAITH IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE

"Feed the Body; Feed the Soul"

Thank you to everyone who donated to the 2nd Faith in the Public Square Initiative! Your donations were brought to the Gerald Ryan Outreach Center, in Wyandanch



ASTRONOMY CLUB

The SJB Astronomy Club had an amazing time at their Rocket Launch Party!



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FACULTY RECOGNITIONS

GENESIS FACULTY AWARDED

Mrs. Besendorfer and Mr. Bohman received the *Catholic School Executive Leadership Award* in recognition for an Outstanding STEM Program (GENESIS) at the *25th Annual Catholic School Executive Leadership Dinner*, held at Fordham University



26 YEARS OF HOCKEY

Mr. Krebs was honored at SJB's Hockey Dinner and thanked for his 26 years of service with our team!



Congratulations

to all of our faculty and staff who were honored this year.
The entire SJBDHS family appreciates your hardwork and dedication.

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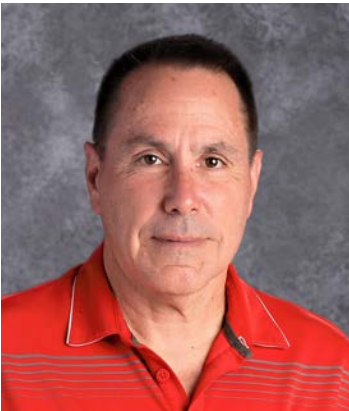
When you return to school this Fall, you'll notice some changes to the appearance of our school's website. Our IT and Communications Departments have been working diligently during the spring, and will continue throughout the summer, to create a more user-friendly, conscience, and informative school website. When we launch this July, you will notice that some of the tabs at the top have changed. We anticipate that after using the site a few times, which is both mobile and tablet friendly, you will be pleased to learn it has been re-organized for your convenience and ease-of-use. Please keep an eye on your emails and listen to your voicemails as you will be receiving a message over the summer informing you of these changes and where you can locate some information. We appreciate your patience during this transition phase as well.

COACHES OF THE YEAR!



MELISSA CANTELMO

Coach Cantelmo was named Boys' Volleyball Coach of the Year. Cantelmo led SJB Varsity Boys' Volleyball team to break two SJB records! Not only did the team go undefeated for the entire season, for the first time in SJB history, they also were the first Boys' Varsity Volleyball team to ever win 1st place in the NSCHSAA Boys Volleyball League Championship!



DAVID WOOD

Coach Wood was awarded the Girls' Spring Track and Field Coach of the Year. This honor is voted on by all of the coaches within the league.



BILL STACK

Coach Stack was named Boys' AA Coach of the Year for Varsity Lacrosse.

